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TOURISM AND CULTURE
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PILGRIMS PLACES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to develop the tourist spots/pilgrim places through the revenue generated from tourism;

(b) whether the revenue generate by the Government would increase through the tax levied on tourists besides creation of employment opportunities;

(c) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to develop the tourist spots pilgrim places after identifying such places all over the country at a large scale;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Vindhyanchal, Ashtbhuja, Chunar Quila, Vindrum Kal, Sidhinathadari,Jargo Jalasaya and Sirsi Jalasaya in Mirzapur district in Uttar Pradesh have been included into the list of the places to be developed as tourists spots; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) to (d) : The Deptt. of Tourism, Govt. of India on the recommendations of the State Govts./UT Administrations identifies travel circuits/destinations and pilgrim centres for the development and promotion of tourism. The Deptt. of Tourism Govt. of India does not have any scheme to develop tourist spots/pilgrim places through the revenue generated from tourism. However, Deptt. of Tourism, Govt. of India grants Central financial assistance to the State Govts./UT Administrations in consultation with them every year for development and promotion of tourism. The Deptt. of Tourism has prioritised 550 projects amounting to Rs.159.90 crores for the year 2001-2002 for the purpose.

(e) and (f) :The Department of Tourism, Government of India, has not received any proposal for inclusion of these places in the list of travel circuits for development.